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Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., attended a meeting on immigration with President Donald Trump.

Senator adamant Trump said racist things

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This story contains graphic language.

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump on Friday offered a vague denial about the language he chose to use about immigrants during a private meeting with lawmakers at the White House on Thursday, when he reportedly referred to African nations as “shithole countries.”

But Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Friday that the president did use the term “shithole,” during the course of the meeting on immigration – which Durbin attended. The senator described Trump as saying “things which

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MAN KILLED IN ROBBERY ATTEMPT

A Fort Worth man was shot to death after he tried to stop a robbery at a Save A Lot grocery store late Thursday. **4A**

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Organizers plan to cancel MLK parade after appeal



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Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was to serve as the honorary grand marshal of the Arlington Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade.

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Organizers of the controversial Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade that was to feature Texas Gov. Greg Abbott as an honorary grand marshal are moving forward with plans to formally cancel the event.

This news came late Friday, one day after Arlington city officials declined to issue a needed permit to the Toyota North Texas Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade & Celebration — which drew critics opposed to Abbott’s participation — saying organizers didn’t pay the

full amount required for logistics including security.

“We placed the appeal earlier (Friday), but we are not optimistic,” said Winsor Barbee, a spokeswoman for the parade. “We are moving forward with the cancellation of the parade.”

City officials said they received the appeal shortly after 2 p.m. Friday and were reviewing the issue. By Friday night, the city denied the appeal as parade organizers “still had not fulfilled the necessary steps to obtain a special events permit,” said Jay Warren, a city spokesman.

Critics announced days ago that they planned to boycott the parade, saying the governor shouldn’t be in the parade because of his work on issues ranging from sanctuary cities to requiring Texans to have photo IDs to vote, which traditionally disenfranchises some minority voters.

Former Judge L. Clifford Davis, a civil rights attorney, was to be the grand marshal in the Arlington parade, billed as “the

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NORTH TEXAS SCHOOLS

School nurses vow to take down the flu virus



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Susan Hurst, a registered nurse at North Hi Mount Elementary School, is on the front line of flu prevention. Michael Arredondo, 6, said he had a cough and sore throat Thursday.

As classes resumed after winter break, nurses drew the battle lines

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FORT WORTH

School nurse Susan Hurst can’t see the enemy, but she knows the flu is lurking at North Hi Mount Elementary, on students’ hands or in the air after being coughed out.

Hurst, a registered nurse at the Fort Worth elementary school, is trying to prevent an influenza outbreak. She’s on alert for flu symptoms and ready to help the Tarrant

County Public Health department track cases. Her strongest tools for defense: soap and water.

“Washing gets rid of the germs,” she said.

As classes geared up after winter break, school nurses drew the battle lines, along with other medical caregivers in North Texas.

Fort Worth, Carroll and Mansfield school districts are among those reminding parents on social media how to prevent the flu. As winter break ended, parents in Fort Worth

schools received an alert from Superintendent Kent Scribner that linked to seasonal flu precautions.

“We are really trying to work through the possible impact by making sure our staff and students stay home if they are sick,” said Alice Turner-Jackson, director of health services for Fort Worth schools.

Last week, the percentage of reported influenza-like illness in Tarrant County was 8.8 percent, which is high, said Russ Jones, chief epidemiologist for Tarrant County Public

Health. Although that percentage reflects a slight drop from the previous week, Jones said he expects data from this week to show an uptick.

The Tarrant County Public Health weekly flu report was released Friday, showing an increase in positive test results, Jones said — 32.5 percent were positive last week. Most of the positive results were for Influenza A. Data also indicates that Tarrant County’s flu victims were older last week — 46.7

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